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LINES: MY PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND THE U.S. TO ERR ONLY BY PROVIDING TOO MUCH RATHER THAN TOO LITTLE FOOD. THAT SAID, IN FRANKNESS I HAD TO TELL HIM THAT THERE WERE NUMEROUS CONCERNS AMONG THE DONORS. ESTIMATES OF THE REFUGEE POPULATION ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE RATIONS VARIED WIDELY. RATIONS HAD BEEN PROVIDED ON THE BASIS OF CALORIC INTAKE NEEDED FOR ADULTS WHEREAS THE REFUGEE POPULATION HAD A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN, THERE WERE ALSO CHARGES OF MALPRACTICE. AS FAR AS I COULD SEE THERE WAS NO WAY ANYONE COULD BE SURE ABOUT THE REFUGEE POPULATION AT CAMPS. IT SEEMED TO ME THAT SOME OF THE THAI NUTRITION EXPERTS CONCLUSIONS HAD MERIT AND I THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD BE ADJUSTING SOME OF OUR COMMODITY INPUTS TO REFLECT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS. E.G., CUTTING BACK ON NON-FAT DRIED MILK. FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH REFUGEE AND AID PROGRAMS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, I COULD ONLY SAY THAT MY CONCLUSION WAS THAT WHILE OF COURSE THERE WERE MALPRACTICES, THE PROGRAM HERE WAS RELATIVELY, EVEN EXCEPTIONALLY, WELL-RUN. "LEAKAGES" STRUCK ME AS BEING WITHIN NORMAL LIMITS. ANOTHER SPECIFIC PROBLEM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CONFRONTED WAS THAT THE GOP WAS ASKING FOR REIMBURSEMENT IN WHEAT ABOVE THE

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LEVELS THAT THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM HAD BEEN COMMITTED TO DELIVER IN 1983. WHATEVER ELSE HAPPENED, IN MY VIEW, ONCE THE 1984 DELIVERY PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED THE GOP SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT IF IT DELIVERED MORE COMMODITIES THAN THOSE PLEDGED, IT COULD NOT REASONABLY EXPECT THE DONORS TO REIMBURSE IT. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF REAL SHORTAGES DEVELOPED, I WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE DONORS WOULD ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO RE-EXAMINE THE SITUATION AND ACT ACCORDINGLY. AS TO WHAT WE WOULD DO THIS YEAR I COULD NOT BE CERTAIN, BUT MY ANTICIPATION WAS THAT WE WOULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL PLEDGE EARLY ON. OUR PLEDGE, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, INCLUDING SOME DOMESTIC U.S. REASONS, MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT BELOW LAST YEAR BUT I PERSONALLY HOPED IT WOULD NOT BE MUCH BELOW. I THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT WE ALSO WOULD USE OUR INFLUENCE WITH OTHER DONORS TO KEEP THEIR PLEDGES UP. CERTAINLY I HAVE BEEN WORKING AT THIS HERE WITH OTHER AMBASSADORS. ALSO, I WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT THE GOP HAD PURSUED THIS ISSUE, AS I HAD, WITH THE VISITING EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS.

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